I am writing to express my desire as an American to oppose the lifting of the cross-ownership ban. Although it seems futile in this country at this time to attempt to secure any freedoms for the common man, or any protections for individuals or local markets from Big Bodies who seem to have the laws and leaders firmly in their pockets, one still hopes that some decent people may see their chance to do the right thing, and not be blinded by cynical rhetoric of greed. Perhaps a parent who has taken some time to think about the world they are passing on to their children, or some believer in the freedoms and diversity of opinion that made this country once great. Some of us in this country cling to hope.